CHAPTER 12. THE BLOOD OF A TEXT WEAVER
IN THIS TIME OF CALM AND SERENITY, HOW MUCH LONGER CAN I STAY BY YOUR SIDE...

Flutter
Whoosh
"HOPEFULLY IT'LLLOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT AND SILENCE THE ENEMY FOREVER."
...IT SAYS
AN ASSASS-INATION REQUEST, HUH

ESCAPED BUTTER-FLY...
THIS IS THE FIFTEENTH.
CAN YOU HELP SEND IT OVER, TATSUMA-SAMA?
NO PROBLEM.
BESIDES, THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS TO DO HERE.
YOU CAN FEEL THAT IT IS HIS DESTINY TO DO GREAT THINGS, JUST FROM THE PICTURE...
THIS IS?
ALTHOUGH HE APPEARS SERIOUS, HE'S ACTUALLY AN EXTREMELY CORRUPT, GREEDY POLITICIAN.
HE'S EVEN FAMOUS.

I DON'T WANT TO HELP PEOPLE, BUT NEITHER DO I WANT TO BE A VIGILANTE.
I, SAKURAZAKI TATSUMA,
WILL GOVERN THIS COUNTRY
ALONG WITH YOU.

RO-

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S INTERESTING?

-AR

'TEXT WEAVING'

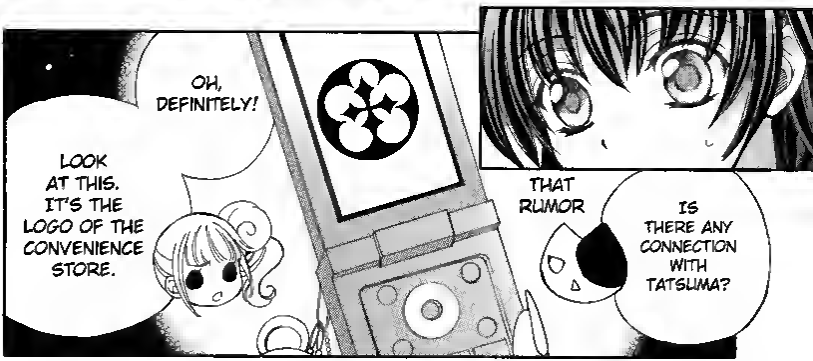
IT'S A MAGIC THAT CAN SUMMON CREATURES AND THINGS FROM ANCIENT TEXTS.

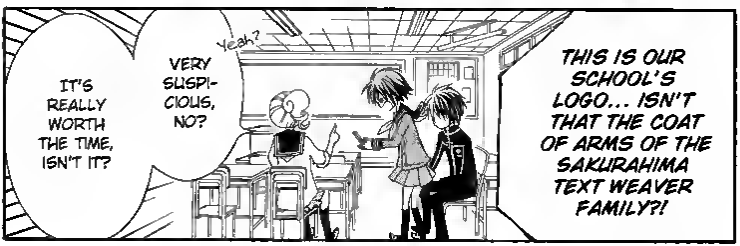
...EVEN SO...

Flowing in my body is the 'blood' that can use that magic.
Text weaver Kozakura Saaya
SAAYA!
CAN I LEAVE FIRST IN THE MIDDLE?
2-7
EH?
WHAT ABOUT THE MISSION TO FIND TATSUMA-SAMA?
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE TO DO THAT,
TODAY THERE'S A NEW MAKE-UP PROMOTION, SORRY
I'M GOING TO THE MUSIC CLUB, SO I DON'T HAVE TIME EITHER...
clap

Tatsuma-sama's actions, no matter as a text weaver,
Or as a person, are unforgivable
So everybody has to find him together so that he gets the proper punishment
HUH...
DIDN'T WE MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR?!
GLOOM
SORRY.
Ring
AH, SAAYA.

I'VE BEEN MANAGING A BLOG CALLED PILLOW BOOK.
click click click
LATELY, THERE'VE BEEN RUMORS OF A CONVENIENCE STORE THAT HELPS GET RID OF HATED PEOPLE. IT'S REALLY HOT.
WHAT ?
no spirit at all


OH, DEFINITELY!
LOOK AT THIS. IT'S THE LOGO OF THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
THAT RUMOR
IS THERE ANY CONNECTION WITH TATSUMA?


IT'S REALLY WORTH THE TIME, ISN'T IT?
VERY SUSPI-CIOUS, NO?
Yeah?
THIS IS OUR SCHOOL'S LOGO... ISN'T THAT THE COAT OF ARMS OF THE SAKURAHIMA TEXT WEAVER FAMILY?!

YOU KEEP SAYING NO THIS AND NO THAT YOU'RE SO JADED.
HEY, NAGON, HOW ABOUT WE TRY MANIPULATING THE PRINCESS, JUST ONCE?
clatter
BOOK FAMILIAR, ONO NO KOMACHI (MALE)
NO!
...LEAVE IT TO ME.
HAKKEUSHI PEARLS CAN MANIPULATE PEOPLE.
NO! ONLY INVESTIGATION!!
INTERROGATION, BRAINWASHING, AS LONG AS IT HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT, YOU CAN COME TO ME.
HEY...
DON'T USE YOUR STRENGTH LIKE THAT.
AND WEAR THOSE GLASSES WITH THE HUGE NOSE ATTACHED OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
MAKE HER COSPLAY
KOMACHI, WHAT'S THAT?
squeeze

A GIFT FOR YOU ALL.
I ALSO TRIED TO USE FLOWERS AS A DECORATION.
ANYWAYS, LET'S START DISCUSSING.
UWA !!
...WELL THEN, SAAYA, WHAT SHOULD WE DO FIRST?
FLOWERS
IT GETS SO CLASSY WITH THE FLOWERS
IT TASTES SO GOOD
NOM NOM
FIRST, WE STICK UP MISSING POSTERS!
FLAP
OKAY!

...HUH?
YOU... PRINCESS... DO YOU REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE A TEXT WEAVER?
SO JEALOUS OF KOZA-KURA-SAN!
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL FIND THEM IF WE USE THAT!
I REALLY DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE THIS PRIMITIVE...
KOMACHI-SAN IS SO HANDSOME.
IF WE DON'T FIND AND CAPTURE THAT TATSUMA GUY, WON'T YOUR LICENSE BE CONFISCATED?
THERE'S NO END TO MY DILIGENCE!
I've handmade 100 of these posters already!
GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER AND BE MORE DILIGENT!

LET'S GO TO THE FORBIDDEN ARCHIVES!
THIS PLACE SHOULD HAVE CLUES TO TATSUMA-SAMA'S LOCATION!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE?
I ASKED NAGON AND KOYATSU TO GO INVEST-!GATE.

THIS PLACE IS THE 'FORBIDDEN ARCHIVES' THAT TATSUMA-SAMA HAD BEEN TAKING CARE OF FOR A LONG TIME.
!
SOME APPARITIONS OR GODS RESIDE HERE,
Step
step
step
!!!
EH!?
SAAYA-SAMA,
HAVE YOU COME TO FIND THE CLAN LEADER?
IN THIS PLACE THAT HOLDS THE MOST DANGEROUS TEXT WEAVER BOOKS.
THE CLAN LEADER IS HERE?
IT SEEMS THAT SAAYA-SAMA DOESN'T KNOW THIS,
AND I THOUGHT YOU WOULD DEFINITELY KNOW ABOUT THE "DRAGON SEAL" RITUAL.
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DRAGON... SEAL...?
THE TEXT WEAVER WITH THE MOST SATURATED BLOOD POWER OF THE CLAN WILL USE HIS BLOOD AS AN OFFERING
AND CALM THE TROUBLE-MAKING GOD THAT ESCAPED FROM THE BOOKS.
IF THE RITUAL ISN'T DONE, THE REGION SURROUNDING THE CAPITAL CITY WILL BE UNDER THE SEA IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS.

USING HIS BLOOD TO DRAW THE MAGIC CIRCLE...
ROOOAA
AAARR
UP TILL NOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN TATSUMA-SAMA'S RESPON-SIBILITY, BUT...
HAA
THE DRAGON...
HAS CALMED DOWN...
HA...

THEY'VE REPEATEDLY BEEN DOING SUCH A DANGEROUS THING SINCE THE BEGINNING?
...SAAYA.
I DON'T KNOW.
I CAN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS SO QUICKLY ABOUT WHETHER IT'S RIGHT OR WRONG.
YES,
AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT DOWNRIGHT SHOWING YOUR DISAPPROVAL.
YOU THINK IT'S CRUEL?

laugh
IF SAAYA BECOMES AFRAID OF ME,
I BELIEVE I WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO HOLD THE SWORD.
IS THE WOUND OKAY?
IT MAY OPEN AGAIN.
.....
I KNOW.
ACCHAN..
IS YOUR BODY OKAY?
IT MUST BE REALLY HARD TO CONTROL A BOOK WITH SUCH POWER.
BACK THEN,
I COULDN'T RESIST IT AT ALL.
EVEN SCREAMING DIDN'T TAKE THE FEAR AWAY.

Is Acchan really okay?
NO PROBLEM.
Chuckle
I'M STRONGER THAN YOU THINK.
...AND YOU'VE COME AT QUITE A CONVENIENT TIME.
...Is that so..
IF YOU'RE UNCOMF-ORTABLE, YOU HAVE TO SAY SO.
GIVE ME THE NOTICE LETTER

THERE IS ONLY ONE TEXT WEAVER WHO WOULD DARE DO THIS,
AND THAT IS TATSUMA NII-SAN.
Tatsuma-sama!?
IT'S A NOTICE THAT ANNOUNCES THE ASSASSINATION OF A INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER,
USING A LETTER WITH THE SAKURAHIMA FAMILY COAT OF ARMS PRINTED ON IT.
Lately,
There've been rumors of a convenience store that helps get rid of hated people. It's really hot.
SAAYA,
...It's real!

I WILL STAY BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIDE AS A BODY-GUARD.
YOU USE THE HEART COMPASS
AND FIND OUT IF THERE ARE ANY SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE AROUND.
I always thought that text weavers using magic to kill people
was only something that happened in the warring era
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, JUST USE ME AS A SHIELD. I CAN'T DIE ANYWAY.
CLAN LEA-DER..
..IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I WILL DO SO.

WELL THEN, I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE, SAAYA.
What should I do...
Get your act together and be more diligent!
Right now, with my power, maybe I can do it...
Can I protect other people properly ...?
SAA-YA?
TSUBO

THE NEXT DAY
...SO YOU'RE THE SAKUR-AHIMA FAMILY'S TEXT WEAVER?
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
YES,
PLEASE BE AT EASE, MR. YOSHIHARU TERA.
Smile
Right now... the things that I can do
...SAAYA
are very little...

THE CLAN LEADER IS ALSO QUITE EXHAUSTED FROM THE RITUAL, SO I GUESS WE CAN'T DO THAT NOW.
HOW ABOUT SUMMONING SOMETHING WITH A LOT OF POWER FROM THE ANCIENT TEXTS
AND GETTING IT TO PROTECT THE WHOLE COMMITTEE ROOM?
Ah!
There's a reaction...!!
AND I'M STILL JUST A ROOKIE
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THAT KIND OF POWER.
BUT, KOMACHI...
Down-stairs!?

WOOSH
Sorry.
COME OUT!
Komachi
I can only count on you

CLANG
HMPH...

...KOM-
ACHI,
HURRY
UP!

YOU'RE A VERY GOOD "HISTORICAL FAMILIAR" NOW.

OOZE
HE'S CALLED A "HISTORICAL FAMILIAR," A CREATURE THAT IS SIMILAR TO A HUMAN
BUT HE...
I...
ARE YOU HURT?
DRAMATIC
WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF.
THIS IS JUST A SCRATCH
IS EVERY-THING ALRIGHT?

ARE YOU REALLY ALRIGHT?
DON'T YELL SO LOUDLY
I ALREADY SAID NO PROBLEM, RIGHT? TRUST ME.
EXCUSE ME,
BUT DID YOU JUST TAKE A PICTURE? MR YOSHIHARU TERA
Flash
...EXCUSE MY RUDENESS!

IF "TEXT WEAVERS" ARE ELIGIBLE, THEN I WILL HIRE YOU.
...SORRY,
BAM
IF IT'S ALL JUST A SHAM, THEN I'LL JUST COVER UP EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TODAY.
I JUST WANTED TO TEST YOUR TEXT WEAVER CLAN AND SEE YOUR ELIGIBILITY.
YOU'VE PASSED,
SO WHAT'S YOUR PRICE?

SMASH
WE ARE NOT SO LOW
AS TO BE BOUGHT BY YOU

THIS WAY, THEY SHOULD BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE TEXT WEAVERS.
...THIS IS SUCH VULGAR PROOF.
IF ONLY THAT COMMITTEE MEMBER DIED.
SIGH
HE'S BEING PROTECTED BY THE STRONGEST GOD OF ALL...
CAN'T HELP IT.
HEHE HEHE

TATS-UMA-SAMA?
WE'LL NEED TO GIVE MR. YOSHIHARU TERA A WARNING LATER...
BU
WHETHER IT'S A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, OR THE WARRING ERA, OR EVEN NOW,
IT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL IN THE END.

THE CORRUPTION OF HUMANS.
WAIT, KOM-ACHI!
EHH!?

DON'T COMPLAIN THAT I NAG.
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO HUG YOUR KNEES IN DEPRESSION
THEN GO MAKE DINNER.
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW I CAN'T MAKE FOOD!
And it's always you who refuses to let me cook, saying that it's "nasty"
KOM-ACHI!
I DON'T WANT TO EAT SAAYA-SAMA'S CUISINE EITHER!
SHUT UP, TAG-ALONG.
SAAYA'S CUISINE, "POTATOES AND STEWED MEAT"
NOOOOOOOOOO!
What's going on?
Dunno
TOO, Y'S FOOD... IS SO MUCH MORE...
STRONG... THAN BEFORE...
Twitch Twitch

WHY DO YOU SO SUDDENLY ORDER PEOPLE AROUND ...!!
DON'T TALK, JUST MASSAGE MY SHOULDERS
This is sexual harass-ment!!
And you still just undress without any notice!
DOESN'T CARE AT ALL, HE JUST SHOWERED
Ah...
but...
SAAYA,
The wound has healed already.
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING, AREN'T YOU?

AFTER SEEING THE CALMING DRAGON RITUAL IN THE FORBIDDEN ARCHIVES,
YOU LOOKED UNUSUALLY SAD.
!
Komachi,
he's always been looking at me...
.....
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY BUT TO WORK HARD.
I THOUGHT SO TOO,
...BUT...
OTHER TEXT WEAVERS HAVE DIFFICULT TASKS, LIKE DOING A RITUAL WITH AN ENTIRE CITY'S FATE DEPENDING ON IT, OR ASSASSINATING PEOPLE WITH THEIR ABILITY.
I CAN'T EVEN FIND ONE PERSON TATSUMA-SAMA.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO...?
My body's grown cold
I can't think at all
SO,
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A TEXT WEAVER ANYMORE?

YOU SAID THERE'S NO END TO YOUR DILIGENCE
ARE THOSE JUST WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH THEN?
THUMP
Eh?

In a heart that's so cold it's going to freeze
There's a forceful flow of
SQUEEZE
BEFORE YOU REALLY GIVE UP,
TRY... TO USE UP ALL OF A HISTORICAL FAMILIAR'S POWER.
Heat
CRUNCH

EVEN IF YOU PUT UP A NONCHALANT MASK, YOU'RE STILL ONO NO KOMACHI!
YOU NATURAL LIAR!
LOVE THIEF!
IS THIS FLIRTING, OR IS THIS FLIRTING...
...ANY-WAYS,
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BECOME SOMETHING ON MY OWN, AND I FEEL NERVOUS WHEN I GET FORCED.
Attacking me with something stronger than language...
HURRY UP AND GET YOUR CLOTHES ON, KOMACHI!
THE PUZZLED SAAYA...

FALLEN SYNDICATE

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TYPESETTER: Wolf
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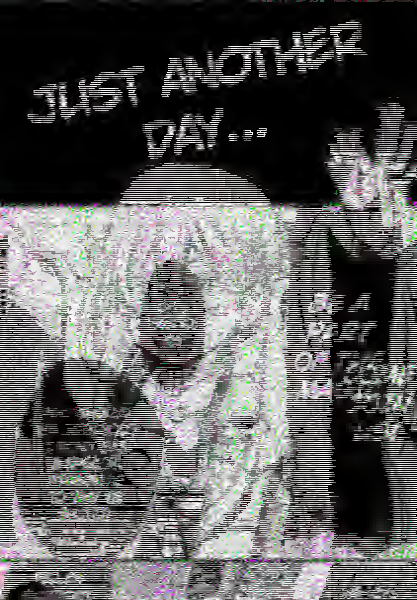
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DAY...